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PRCR Adds Two New Team Members

Katie Lockhart joined the Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources team on June 30 as the outdoor education and parks manager. She will oversee the Gold LEED Certified White Deer Park Nature Center, environmental education programs including school group visits and the marketing efforts of the department. In addition, she will oversee park based special events such as the Spring Eggstravaganza and the award winning, Trick or Treat the Trails.

Lockhart has spent the last three years with Special Olympics of North Carolina where she served as the Volunteers and Families Director. She was responsible for coordinating volunteer operations for over 30 regional and state-level athletic competitions annually. She developed strategies to engage business, civic organizations and other partners in Special Olympics. Prior to that, Lockhart worked with municipal recreation agencies in the City of Asheboro and Town of Cary. She graduated from the parks, recreation and tourism management program at North Carolina State University and earned her master's of business administration degree from Western Carolina University.

Kendrick Mayes has been promoted to marketing and events coordinator with the Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department. He has spent the last year working with the marketing and special events team. In his new role, Mayes will expand his involvement in the marketing efforts of the department by coordinating the production of the program brochure, continuing the department's social media presence, representing the department at various community events and organizing special events such as Groundhog Day, Movies in the Park and Trick or Treat the Trails.

Mayes graduated from the Parks and Recreation Program at Catawba College and is currently completing his master's degree in recreation administration from North Carolina Central University. Prior to Garner, he worked with the Durham Parks and Recreation Department organizing and leading youth programs and community projects. While at Catawba College, he coordinated campus-wide activities, programs and social media efforts.

“I am very pleased to have both Ms. Lockhart and Mr. Mayes on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources team,” said PRCR Director Sonya Shaw. “The two possess energy, enthusiasm and knowledge that will translate into exciting programs, marketing opportunities and special events.”

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